# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:15
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COLLECTION OF COPRA
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps for collection of Copra from the market;

(b) if so, the total quantity of Copra collected so far and the names of the agencies which have done this job; and

(c) the total amount of Copra available in the market presently?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India is undertaking procurement of Copra under PriceSupport Scheme (PSS) from the farmers in coconut growing States/UTs.

(b): A quantity of 2.39 lakh MTs of Copra has been procured in the season 2000 and 2001 so far by National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) as a Central Nodal Agency through the State Co-operative Federations.

(c): Copra is derivative of coconut, which is a perinnial crop. Therefore, it is difficult to give the exact quantity of copra available in the market presently.